

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING, COST

3003. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 2603 and ask, given that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Minister for Housing and Works and the Minister for Racing and Gaming were able to answer the question in detail, does this infer that -
- (a) the Minister does not know the amount of taxpayer funds being spent on advertising;
 - (b) the Departments and Agencies, under the Minister's portfolio, do not know the amount of taxpayer funds being spent on advertising;
 - (c) the Minister does not want the amount of taxpayer funds spent on advertising to become public; and
 - (d) the internal accounting and audit systems within the Departments and Agencies, under the Minister's portfolio, are unable to provide accurate and up-to-date information on expenditure?
- (2) Will the Minister now direct that question No. 2608 be answered?
- (3) If not, why not?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

I provided the Honourable Member with a comprehensive response to Question on Notice 2603 on the 15th June 2004.